

BENNION Newsletter

JUNIOR HIGH

September 2022



Principal's Message

We are excited to begin another school year at Bennion Jr. Our faculty and staff have been working very hard to put things in place that create a sense of belonging for our students, parents, and broader community. This begins with an increased commitment to build strong relationships with students in the classroom. We want every student to feel as though the adults in our building care about them as people and value their unique talents and dispositions. On top of that, we have and will continue to revamp the décor around campus to celebrate the wonderful things students are doing and to build pride in our Bennion family. The final shift will be in our communication with parents/families. We believe deeply that the education of our children is best supported when there is a strong partnership between our staff and the families of the students we teach. You will see this in the form of increased teacher communication, increased evening events, and of course this monthly newsletter. From all of us at Bennion Jr, we thank you for your ongoing support of our school and more importantly our students. We look forward to working with you to make this a great experience for all involved. Go Bobcats! Thank you, Jake Brown

Social Emotional Learning

Without our mental health, our physical health, relationships and even academics can suffer. What are some ways you can take care of your mental health this school year? We encourage you to think about this as we begin this new year. This year at Bennion we will be participating in a social emotional learning program. Each month you will learn about a skill that relates to your mental health and social emotional learning. So just what is social emotional learning?

Social-emotional learning (SEL) is the process of developing the self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills that are vital for school, work, and life success.

This month we will be introducing you to the program and have you take a quick survey to see what you know/don't know about social emotional learning.



We are excited to launch our new ROAR prize system! When you demonstrate Respect, Optimism, Accepting, or Responsible characteristics then you can earn ROAR points! Once you start collecting points, you can turn them in for cool prizes! Speaking of rewards, at the end of first term if you have 5 or less tardies and 1 or less minor write-ups then you get to participate in the teacher vs. student assembly! Also join us in showing kindness around the school this term and take a picture at the kindness wall during lunch the week of Sept 12th.

Important Dates

- September 5- Labor Day
- September 20- SEPs
- September 21-SEPs
- September 23- NO SCHOOL
- September 26- NO SCHOOL

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- Art
- Choir
- Instruments
- Multi-Cultural
- Speech & Debate

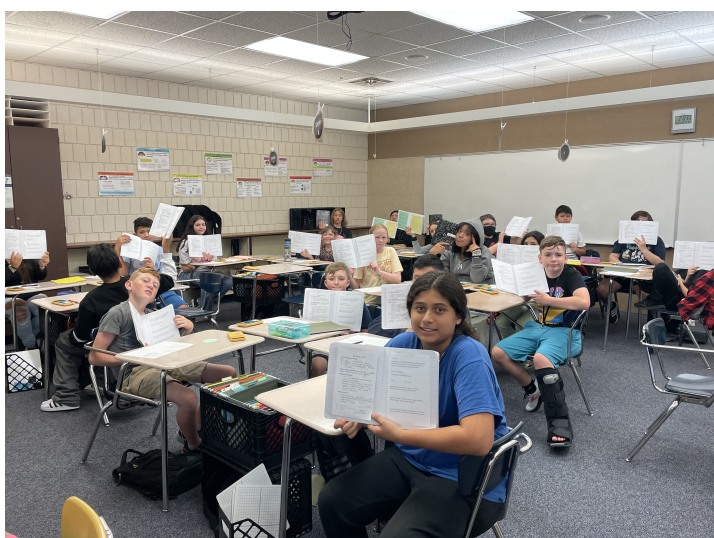
Ways you can belong and beyond...

- Lego League
- Chinese Culture
- Book Club
- Creative Writing
- Cross Country
- Soccer

Welcome to Junior High! We wanted to share with you a couple of things that are happening in 6th grade. We are enjoying getting to know all the 6th graders! They have already experienced an assembly, and a walk around tour of the school and how ROAR is important at all locations in the school. They are learning to adapt to all the different schedules and making their way through the hallways. Coming up in the next couple of weeks your child will be taking some assessment which will help the teachers determine where your child is at. They will be taking the HMH and IREADY diagnostic assessments. We encourage all the students to do their best!



Mrs. Healey's Spanish one class has been working on the alphabet and greetings in Spanish. 7th grade math has been getting ready to learn how to do operations on rational numbers. Science is learning about force and motion. And in English they have all chosen a novel to read and are starting to explore text features. Reading is working on understanding non-fiction like reading graphs and charts. Go 7th Graders!



The 8th grade class is off to a ROARing start! Ms. Baxter's marketing class is learning about the stock market and will participate in a live nationwide stock market game for 10 weeks. In Ms. Skousen and Ms. Knowlton's CCA classes, students are utilizing YouScience to find out what skills they rock at, such as numerical reasoning, visual comparison speed, or timeframe orientation, and many more. They will be using this information throughout the year as they discover and explore various career paths that their natural abilities and interests are suited for. Way to kick it off right, 8th graders!

